WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Starvation Deaths in Andhra Pradesh

*164. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central assistance given to Andhra Pradesh has been fully utilised by the State Government;

(b) how the cases of starvation death are still continuing in certain districts like Mehboobnagar of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) whether the State Government would be asked to take care of infirm villagers of the drought prone areas who could not migrate due to dotage to prevent starvation deaths?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the Central assistance given to them has been fully utilised.

(b) The State Government has informed that there are no starvation deaths in the State.

(c) The State Government has informed that they are taking care of such villagers.

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*165. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated 15th May, 2000, captioned "Scientist is shunted out for highlighting an ICAR scam";

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken to probe the purchase of computers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.